**Origins of WWI Puppet Script**

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**SCENE ONE THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE**

ITALY I want Africa!

FRANCE No, you can’t have it. If you try to, we’re going to come after you in war.

ITALY Ahhh! I need some mates to back me up. I’ll go be mates with Germany and Austria-Hungary.

GERMANY & A-H

Welcome friend to the Triple Alliance.

**SCENE TWO THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR**

JAPAN I have control over Manchuria.

RUSSIA No Japan, I am dominating and taking over this country, but we will leave by 1903.

JAPAN Screw you! We’ll see you on the battlefield, Russia.

PEOPLE OF THE WORLD

Woohoo!, Russia’s going to win because they have great power, plus, we don’t know who Japan is.

RUSSIA We surrender Japan. We’re not as powerful as we thought we were.

PEOPLE OF THE WORLD

This started the Russian Revolution and Japan became a major world power.

JAPAN In your face, Russia! Slow and steady wins the race.

**SCENE THREE TRIPLE ENTENTE AND THE FIRST MOROCCAN CRISIS**

NARRATOR Russia had been turning to France as an ally since Germany didn’t renew the Reinsurance Treaty in 1890. Russia and France formed the Dual Entente in 1894. Russia and France promised armed support from Germany and her allies. Britain was feeling isolated so decided to settle their difference with France so they made the Entente Cordial in 1904. The First Moroccan Crisis in 1905 was the result of Germany’s plan to break up Britain and France. Germany’s action pushed Britain and Russia together so in 1907 Britain and France added Russia to their Dual Entente and it became the Triple Entente.

RUSSIA Hey France, be my ally because Germany doesn’t want to be friends with me anymore.

FRANCE Sure, Russia! Let’s make an alliance! We’ll call it the Dual Entente.

RUSSIA I promise that if Germany attacks you, I will defend you.

FRANCE I promise the same.

BRITAIN France, I’m feeling really left out and alone. I’m sorry for everything that happened in the past. Can we be friends?

FRANCE Of course, Britain! The more the merrier. Let’s make an alliance. We’ll call it the Entente Cordiale.

**SCENE FOUR THE FIRST MORROCAN CRISIS**

BRITAIN We must always be the most powerful empire in Europe. Also, we will protect our colonies.

FRANCE We need colonies too. Egypt and Morocco will do nicely.

BRITAIN But those are ours.

FRANCE We won’t obstruct you in Egypt so long as we can “provide assistance” in Morocco.

BRITAIN OK then.

GERMANY This will be the perfect opportunity to test the Entente Cordiale. France and Britain will fight each other. We condemn you to make a move, France. Morocco deserves its independence.

FRANCE We will go to war with you, Germany, if you try such things. Our troops are positioned against your border.

NARRATOR The matter now has to be decided by other nations.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

We agree fully with Germany.

ITALY Like every other country bar one, we think France is right.

MOROCCO We now have full independence.

FRANCE But we still control your country’s money.

**SCENE FIVE THE CRISIS BACKFIRES**

BRITAIN I can’t believe Germany would do that to you!

FRANCE I know! Stupid plan just to try and break us up but it only made us stronger. Hey, have you met my friend Russia?

BRITAIN We don’t really get along too well.

RUSSIA Hey guys!

B & F Hey Russia!

RUSSIA I was just thinking about how arrogant and greedy Germany is. Trying to make us guys not friends!

BRITAIN I know, right!! Hey, Russia!! You can be in our alliance! Let’s call it the Triple Entente!

F & R Yay!

**SCENE SIX ASSASSINATION**

NARRATOR One day, Franky was strolling down the street

FRANKY (walking) Rumble grumble.

NARRATOR Franky was stopped by an awfully scary gang.

FRANKY Gasp!

NARRATOR Franky ran as fast as he could but he wasn’t faster than a speeding bullet.

BLACK HAND Bang! Bang!

NARRATOR Franky was shot there that very day and died a horrible death.

BLACK HAND Yeah boy, victory is ours!

NARRATOR The Black Hand were proud of their victory and hard work so they went down to the pub for a beer.

**SCENE SEVEN THE ULTIMATUM**

NARRATOR Austria-Hungary demanded Serbia must:

* + 1. Stop with the propaganda
    2. Put a stop to any anti-Austria-Hungary groups
    3. Stop teaching propaganda
    4. Remove all military officers who have carried out propaganda
    5. Carry out an enquiry into all those involved in the assassination
    6. Allow military presence that will be stopping anti-monarchy behaviour
    7. Stop smuggling weapons and explosives across the border
    8. Explain their reasons for being anti-Austria
    9. Inform Austria when the have completed these demands

Serbia’s response was that the Royal Government agreed to:

1. Surrender Serbian citizens if they have sufficient proof of them being involved in the assassination
2. Condemn all propaganda against Austria-Hungary
3. Punish anyone openly anti-monarchy
4. Dismiss officers who were part of the assassination
5. Allow Austrian army presence in their country
6. Start an investigation about the assassination but there will only be Serbians investigating this
7. Make the punishment for smuggling larger
8. Give an explanation of the hatred towards Austria-Hungary
9. Inform Austria-Hungary when this is done

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

This is not good enough! We will go to war!

**SCENE EIGHT THE ALLIANCES MOBILISE**

SERBIA Russia! I am too weak to fight them on my own! Come help me!

RUSSIA I come.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

Germany! I know that you want to kick Russia’s butt, so don’t stand around, get kicking!

GERMANY Germany want to kick Russian butt. But Froggies will try to fight. I kick Froggies! Belgium, Ket me through, I want to kick Froggies!

BELGIUM Britain! The Germans are invading. I need your help or I will hitch up my skirts and run!

BRITAIN Belgium, I will come to your aid. It has been too long. I will honour the Treaty of London and come help you in your great time of need. I hope that you will reward me well. Soldiers! It is time to join this war! Form ranks! Come on New Zealand, Australia, Canada, get your troops over here to join the glorious fight which will be better than any scrap that you have ever been in before! Hey you Irish! Get your behinds over here! Put down your pints, you drunks, and prepare for a Bar Fight on an immense scale!

NARRATOR Britain continues to order countries around while history continues…

**SCENE NINE GALLIPOLI**

NZ Wow, Britain wants us to fight for them, shoot, that would be mean. Way to get out and see places in travel. Plus my mates will think I’m the man for killing those evil Turks. I can’t believe how many guys are going. Well that was easy. Germany basically liberated Samoa without us doing anything. Well, off we go to fight the Turks now. Shoot, there are a lot of Ragheads. 30 of my friends died and I hope I’m not next. I overheard the Major saying the New Zealand body count was 2,946 now.